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RE: Docket #98N-1038  
Irradiation in the Production, Processing & Handling of Food

To Whom it may concern:

The FDA should retain permanently the current labeling law pertaining to all irradiated whole foods.

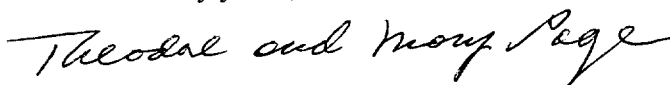
The current terminology uses "irradiation" or "irradiated" along with the use of the radura symbol. This procedure should be retained, and should be large enough to be readily visible to the consumer.

In the case of foods which are not packaged, such as produce, these terms should be prominently displayed with such foods.

The use of terms like "cold pasteurization" or "electronic pasteurization" are misleading and should not be used.

Irradiation is a process that can change the texture, taste, storage characteristics and nutrients of a food and should therefore be disclosed to avoid misleading the consumer.

Sincerely yours,



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